

10 Years Serving America Learn and Serve America

During the past decade:

- More than \$429 million has been distributed to schools, colleges, and universities nationwide.
- As a result of these resources, local, state, and national programs have multiplied this support with matching cash and in-kind resources that continue to improve student development, create more passionate teachers, faculty, staff and community members interested in education, and strengthening communities.

THEN ... In 1994:

- Learn and Serve America distributed \$40 million in grants to 206 schools, colleges, and universities nationwide.
- More than 700,000 students participated in projects supported by Learn and Serve America.
- Student service scholarships were not available until 1997, when approximately 1,700 were awarded.

NOW ... Today, in 2004:

- Learn and Serve America distributed \$43 million in grants to 143 schools, colleges, and universities nationwide.
- An estimated 1.8 million students participated in projects supported by Learn and Serve America.
- Approximately 6,400 junior and senior high school students will receive a Presidential Freedom Scholarship (nearly 4 times the number awarded in 1997).

Recent Findings:

A study conducted by the **National Youth Leadership Council** reaffirms the potential and power of service-learning as a strategy for simultaneously engaging young people in civic and community life, promoting their healthy development, and strengthening their education. The study found that:

- 69 percent of K-12 public schools engage students in **community service**, reaching an estimated 15 million students
- 30 percent of K-12 public schools engage students in **service-learning**, reaching an estimated 4.5 million students
- 9 out of 10 principals in schools that offer service-learning say that it has a positive impact on students' civic engagement, personal and social development, and school-community partnerships
- Principals in schools with service-learning in low-income communities are more likely than principals in other schools with service-learning to say that it positively affects students' academic achievement and school engagement
- 8 out of 10 principals in schools that offer service-learning say that it has a positive impact on academic achievement, teacher satisfaction, school climate, school engagement, and community's view of youth as resources.